

megasites that have been identified by NC NHP are officially called Significant Natural Heritage Areas.

A total of six standard sites and one megasite, Camp Lejeune/Holly Shelter Megasite, have been identified from Duplin County (Figure 5, Table 1). Camp Lejeune/Holly Shelter Megasite is located in the southern portion of the county along the border with Pender County. The megasite extends south and east through Pender County into Onslow County. Angola Bay natural area is the standard site occurring within the megasite in Duplin County, and it too is shared with Pender County, underlying the importance of a regional perspective. The remaining five natural areas are “stand-alone” standard sites. Three of them are found along Northeast Cape Fear River and Goshen Swamp, while the other two are isolated, one near the southeastern corner of the county on the border with Onslow County, and the other west of Magnolia. The megasite has been determined to be of national significance, two standard sites have been determined to be of state significance, two of regional significance, and two of county significance.

Table 1. Natural areas of Duplin County. Sites are arranged by the standard site within the megasite, followed by stand-alone standard sites. Numbers refer to site locations in Figure 5.

<u>Rank Codes</u>	
A = National significance	
B = State significance	
C = Regional significance	
D = County significance	
	<u>Rank</u>
Camp Lejeune/Holly Shelter Megasite	A
1. Angola Bay	B
Stand-alone Sites (not in megasites or macrosites)	
2. Northeast Cape Fear River Aquatic Habitat	B
3. Goshen Swamp*	C
4. Northeast Cape Fear River Corridor*	C
5. Millers Creek Limesinks*	D
6. Nine Mile Creek Flatwoods*	D

*Sites first identified during this inventory. The other sites were known prior to the inventory.